

understandable. Senator Wesely reminded me that the bump the last time around was \$58 million. Spread out over 30 years, that really wasn't so bad, but I don't recall ever seeing that on the fiscal note. Lord only knows what the bump is this time because this is all actuarial stuff. All I can tell you on this, all I can tell you as far as I am concerned, it is a very bad policy for us to say that a school teacher who has worked 35 years can retire at age 60 at full ride. It was bad enough to say they could do it at age 60 at 85 percent of the ordinary benefits, but to say at full ride is simply wrong. Make all the arguments you want. I will work to kill this bill. I hope enough people in here will vote to kill the bill. It is simply an act of irresponsibility to property taxpayers in our state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Johnson-Wesely motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Chizek, followed by Senators Remmers, Nelson, and Ashford.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I rise, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, to oppose Senator Johnson's motion to IPP, and I support LB 160. By supporting, for the record, this matter, I think this is the least that we can do because, frankly, I think that is what LB 160 is about. All it does under the committee amendment is to provide a teacher a stable base for an annuity invoked after 35 years of service, and I don't think that is too much to allow someone who has dedicated that amount of service to the education of Nebraska's youth. You would only have to briefly ponder what after 35 years means to arrive at the same conclusion. It means for someone affected by this bill, someone who has been in the front lines of education for a period of time longer than half of my life, someone who 35 years ago faced their first classroom in the first year of the Eisenhower administration, and when Fred Seaton and Dwight Griswold were the United States Senators, and I was in high school, and Senator Warner wasn't even a member of the Legislature, and the year's best picture was from "Here to Eternity". Someone who has been teaching since that time meets the minimum qualifications for the benefit of this bill which is only the annuity shall be the full amount if that time is reached upon the teacher's 60th birthday. Now I haven't necessarily meant to indulge in a history lesson, which wasn't my best subject, but only to provide some perspective on the time frame that we are discussing on this bill. Surely, we can do this one and least thing for teachers who have proved their dedication by a lifework. With that, I urge the body to not support Senator